

THE RUTHERFORD Report

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A light "snow" falls on the Chaffey Town Square at Victoria Gardens in Rancho Cucamonga.

Unless we make
Christmas an occasion to
share our blessings, all the
snow in Alaska won't
make it 'white.'

—Bing Crosby

Law Library Helps Open Legal World to All

The Law Library for San Bernardino County provides the public with free access to legal self-help materials, local ordinances, state laws, state and federal legislative material, and volumes upon volumes of precedent-setting case law.

The main Law Library is located in downtown San Bernardino. The Library also has branches in Rancho Cucamonga and Victorville that provide patrons with access to legal materials.

"We don't give legal advice, but staff can help you zero in on the material that is most applicable to your situation," Law Library Director Larry Meyer said.

About half of the library's patrons are attorneys, judges, legal secretaries, paralegals, and law students; the other half are people looking for legal information for their own needs.

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Rotarian Knows How to Make Connections



Like a lot of people, Dirk Manley, 32, caught the volunteer "bug" when he attended his first Rotary Club meeting.

"What really stuck with me was their four-way test: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?" he said.

"I wrote that down and stuck it in my pocket."

As Manley hopscotched around the country working for various sports teams (he's currently the Director of Season

Tickets and Operations for the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes), he stayed involved in Rotary and also got involved with other civic organizations and programs such as the Epilepsy Foundation of Arizona and Junior Achievement, a nonprofit that helps educate kids about the basics of business and personal finances.

When he was working for the Phoenix Coyotes, Manley used his networking skills and local connections to secure about 17 tons of bottled water to donate to area homeless shelters.

At the time, he was a member of Rotaract—a branch of Rotary for young professionals between 18 and 30 years old.

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"In general, we get questions like, 'My neighbor is suing me. What can I do?' or 'I got a traffic ticket on the freeway and I want to read the code,'" Meyer said.

While Law Library staff cannot give any legal advice, they can point patrons to self-help materials that can aid them in responding to lawsuits, handling tenant issues, filing for bankruptcy, and other legal matters.

In addition to printed materials, the Law Library provides numerous downloadable documents and links to various legal resources on its website: www.sblawlibrary.org.

Despite what the name implies, the County of San Bernardino does not operate the Law Library for San Bernardino County. It is a separate entity governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees. Five members are

appointed by the San Bernardino Superior Court, and the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors appoints two members.

The Law Library receives the bulk of its funding through a \$29 charge attached to every Civil Court filing fee.

California law (Business and Professions Code 8300) requires every county in the state to provide a public law library where residents can access legal information for free.

The State's first public law library was formed in San Francisco. The library was only open to members of the California Bar Association when it was established in 1865, but it opened its doors to the public after the passage of the San Francisco Law Library Act in 1870

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Manley moved to Rancho Cucamonga about a year and a half ago, but he only found a few local volunteer opportunities when he searched online.

Then he met Goodwill Southern California Regional Operations Officer Lowell King who turned him on to the Inland Empire United Way, which helps connect people to volunteer opportunities with local nonprofit organizations.

Manley became a team leader with the United Way's Kids Pack program, which provides backpacks full of nutritious foods to homeless and very low-income children.

He also joined the United Way's HandsOn Advisory Council, which helps local organizations develop, promote, and execute meaningful volunteer opportunities in the Inland Empire.

Manley said he enjoys giving back to his community and getting to know other like-minded individuals through his volunteer work.

You can learn more about the Inland Empire United Way and its numerous nonprofit partners by visiting www.ieuw.org.

Homemade Food Gets Cooking with New Law

A new law that goes into effect in January opens the door for entrepreneurs with cooking skills to sell their tasty treats in local stores and restaurants and directly to customers.

The California Homemade Food Act—AB 1616—could create a thriving cottage food industry by making it possible for people to make and sell certain types of food without having to rent an expensive certified commercial kitchen.

The list of "non-potentially hazardous food" that could be prepared in a home kitchen includes bread, fruit pies, jams, honey, dried pasta, popcorn, baked goods, and other products that do not contain cream or meat ingredients.



The law established a host of regulations home kitchen operators must abide by including requiring them to complete a food processor course and requiring them to label their products as "Made in a Home Kitchen."

Home kitchen operators who want to sell their goods through retail outlets are also required to have their kitchens inspected on an annual basis.

Call the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health Services at (800) 442-2283 for more information about this new law.

Renowned Horse Trainer, Breeder in Devore

Russ Thompson, owner of Russ Thompson Stables in Devore, developed his passion for horses as a child playing and working on his grandfather's farm in Alabama.

In 1970, his grandfather moved to Southern California, and Thompson and his family moved out west to be closer to him.

A teenager at the time, Thompson began working in local service stations and repairing automobiles. He even opened his own mechanics shop before trading a motorcycle for a horse and falling back in love with the majestic animal that captured his heart on that Alabama farm—the Tennessee Walking Horse.

The breed is well known for its smooth gait, stamina and calm disposition.

Thompson and his horse entered some shows and did quite well. After one show, a man approached Thompson and asked if he could help train some of his horses.

"I said, 'I don't know nothing about training them,'" Thompson said.

Despite his lack of experience, Thompson took the job and discovered he had a real knack for training horses.

"I think I had some good teaching from my grandfather," he said. "He showed me how to care for horses and how to communicate with them... A horse is just like a child. You have to take that child, embrace it, and then bring it forward."

Thompson said he also learned a lot by watching professional horse trainers that he admired.

Thompson opened his first horse stable in Chino, but he decided he had to move the business when the once rural town began filling up with cookie cutter homes.

He found just what he was looking for in the unincorporated Second District community of Devore located at the base of the Cajon Pass.

"It's a community that's second to none in my opinion," said Thompson, whose smooth Southern drawl is still pronounced after more than 40 years living in California. "It's away from everything, but it's close to everything."

Today, Russ Thompson Stables sells and breeds Tennessee Walking Horses in addition to offering horse training services.

Over the years, Thompson has garnered numerous awards and accolades for his horses and his training abilities.

He was voted U.S. Trainer of the Decade in 2000 and was also inducted into the Tennessee Walking Horses Hall of Fame.

Thompson conducts seminars throughout the United States and Canada teaching other equestrians about exhibiting, grooming, riding, and shoeing their horses.

You can learn more about Russ Thompson Stables by visiting www.russthompsonstables.com.



2nd District Trivia

Last Issue's Answer: Sheriff Charles W. Piercy was shot and killed in a rifle duel in May 1861 after an argument about politics. Piercy had resigned from his Sheriff's post to run for State Assembly at the time.

Question: What was the name given to the agricultural settlements that sprang up in the 1860s in what is today north Fontana?

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Upcoming Events

December 1, 2012	Rancho Cucamonga will host its Winter Holiday at Central Park from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 11200 Baseline Road. Cost is \$3 per person and free for children five and under. A visit and picture with Santa costs an additional \$5. Call (909) 477-2782 for more information.
December 1, 2012	The Recreation Division and the Upland-Foothill Kiwanis will host Breakfast with Santa from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Gibson Senior Center, 250 North Third Avenue, Upland. Cost is \$4 per person. Call (909) 931-4280 or register at www.ci.upland.ca.us .
December 1, 2012	The City of Upland will host the Annual Christmas Parade and Holiday Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Downtown Upland. There is no cost to attend. Call (909) 931-4280 for more information.
December 1, 2012	Pathway From Boys To Men Inc. and Aceso HR Inc. will host an Employment Training Workshop from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Lewis Library and Technology Center, 8473 Sierra Avenue, Fontana. There is no cost to attend. Call (909) 574-4500 for more information.
December 1, 2012	Blue Jay Village will host a Christmas Parade beginning at 1 p.m. There is no cost to attend this event; however, roads will close at 1 p.m. and the parade line-up will commence at 1:30 p.m. Call (909) 337-3715 for more information.
December 3, 2012	The Lake Arrowhead Village will host its Annual Firefighter's Bonfire from 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday in the Village. There is no cost to attend this event. Call (909) 337-3715 for more information.
December 4, 2012	The Steelworkers' Auditorium will host a journey showcasing cultures from around the world from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 8437 Sierra Avenue Fontana. There is no cost to attend. Call (909) 349- 6979 for more information.
December 6, 2012	Join Congressman Gary Miller, State Senator Bill Emmerson, and Assemblyman Mike Morrell and their staff from 5 to 8 p.m. for a Christmas Reception at the office of San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford, 8575 Haven Avenue in Rancho Cucamonga. Guests are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items or new, unwrapped toys to donate to local charities.
December 9, 2012	Lake Arrowhead Communities Chamber of Commerce will host the Taste of Lake Arrowhead from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Lake Arrowhead Resort & Spa, 27984 Highway 189, Lake Arrowhead. Cost is \$25 for chamber members and \$30 for nonmembers. Call (909) 337-3715 for more information.
December 11, 2012	The Lake Arrowhead Repertory Theatre presents "A Christmas Carol" from 8 to 10 p.m. in the upper level of the Lake Arrowhead Village. Tickets are available online for \$15 per person. Visit http://www.lakearrowheadrep.org/lartc/A_Christmas_Carol.html to purchase a seat or find additional showtimes.
December 11, 2012	The Steelworkers' Auditorium announces an evening of harp music with Margaret Klemm from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 8437 Sierra Avenue, Fontana. There is no cost to attend. Call (909) 349- 6979 for more information.
December 11, 2012	The Rancho Cucamonga Public Library will host the Infinite Dominions Speculative Fiction Book Club from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Biane Library, 12505 Cultural Center Drive, Rancho Cucamonga. There is no cost to attend. Contact Allen Callaci or Mandisa Tutt (909) 477-2720, ext. 5076 for more information.
December 12, 2012	The Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center will host a Responsible Beverage Service Course from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 15556 Summit Avenue, Fontana. There is no cost to attend. Call (909) 356- 7159 for more information.
December 12, 2012	The Archibald Library Story Theater will host a cookie decorating and Christmas Party from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Archibald Library, 7368 Archibald Avenue, Rancho Cucamonga. There is no cost to attend. Ages 12 to 17. Contact Mandisa Tutt at (909) 477-2720 ex. 5030 for more information.
December 15, 2012	Blue Jay's Gingerbread House Decorating event will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Jensen's Market, 27264 California 189 Blue Jay on Saturday. Cost is \$9.99 per house. Call (909) 337-3715 for more information.
December 18, 2012	The Archibald Library Story Theater will host Reader's Circle Book Club from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the 7368 Archibald Avenue, Rancho Cucamonga. There is no cost to attend and readers may select any holiday book of their interest. Contact Karye Hood at (909) 477-2720 ex. 5031 for more information.
December 21, 2012	The Goldy S. Lewis Community Center will host the Special Needs Jingle Jamboree Dance from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 11200 Baseline Road, Rancho Cucamonga. There is no cost to attend. Please wear red and green.

Dates and times are subject to change without notice. Please contact Supervisor Rutherford's office at (909) 387-4833 if you have any questions or suggestions for the Events Calendar. You can view information about more local events on Supervisor Rutherford's home page at www.sbcounty.gov/rutherford.